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JASPER COUNTY OPENS RIGID PEONAGE PROBE

Indictments Returned Against Three Sons of Williams. Governor Issues Reward. Evidence Produced Shows More Cases Of Killings. Grand Jury Also Investigating Lynching Of Negro School Teacher. Anglo-Saxon Justice Urged By Judge Park. Governor Says, "Every Man In Georgia Must Stand Equal At Her Bar Of Justice." Must Wipe Out Every Vestige Of The Blot.

COPPINGTON, Ga., April 12.—One of the most remarkable criminal trials in the history of Georgia has just been concluded with the conviction of the defendant.

A jury composed of twelve good, representative white citizens of Newton county, seven of them, like the defendant, being farmers, have convicted a white man on a charge of murdering a Negro school teacher. The jury also returned indictments against three sons of the defendant, who were charged with aiding and abetting the murder.

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Governor Satisfied

"The result of the trial," said Governor Hugh M. Dorsey, "is not only what I had hoped it would be for the sake of justice and the good name of our state, but it is also what I had hoped it would be for the sake of every good citizen who could receive satisfaction."

Judge Hutchison, Solicitor Brand and the officials and men of Newton county today expressed their very most glowing wishes to see that they gave Williams the fair and impartial trial to which he was entitled. They discarded all old prejudices and any temptation to be venal in the law and related the fact that every man in Georgia must stand equal at her bar of justice. I could lend only my influence to help them, and they entered their room and continued to lend it and do everything in my power to see that investigation and action were taken on every vestige of the blot which the Jasper county revelations put upon the state's reputation.

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Final Plans Made FOR HEALTH WEEK

Final plans for Negro Health Week, May 1st to 10th, culminated today in the final meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Education, announced that the colored schools would co-operate fully with the Social Workers Conference in promoting the gigantic project. Every colored social organization has endorsed the plans and the ministers and the business men and the workers representing these organizations will put forth every effort to reach every family during the campaign.

TEN NEW YORK "V" DIRECTORS LEAVE BOARD

Act When City Board Reverses Action On Secretary Taylor's Resignation. Issue Statement Reviewing Case.

(From The New York Age)

NEW YORK, N. Y., April 13.—(Special) Ten members of the eighteen composing the Committee of Management of the City Board of Directors, which on April 12, 1921, reversed its action on Secretary Taylor's resignation, have today issued a statement reviewing the case.

The ten who in this manner assert their sense of self-respect and manhood, comprise some of the most distinguished and prominent men of the race in the City of New York, including past and present members of the City Board of Directors, and a former member of the New York Board of Education who is a leading physician, a dentist, a chemist and a business man. They are:

DR. RUDOLF B. ROBERTS, (chairman), physician, former member of the Board of Education, New York City.

DR. WILLIAM P. HAYES, pastor, Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, West 33rd Street.

WALTER E. HANDY, (recording secretary), proprietor house cleaning business, West 33rd Street.

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GARNER SAVES TWO FROM PENITENTIARY

Milton Wilson, colored, charged with carrying from the prison was sentenced to the penitentiary for two years. Wilson was defended by E. G. Garner of the law firm of Vaughn and Garner.

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Robert Lausane, proprietor of the Manhattan Club, Henry Brown, the bartender and William Carter, a customer of 423 West 10th Street, were ordered to appear before the grand jury charged with perjury charged with recognizing the defendant, William Carter, who had perjured himself positively identified as one of two men who had been seen on October 2, 1920, in the vicinity of the Lausane Club, and said that he believed influence had been brought to bear on the witness to have them change their testimony.

WHO DISCOVERED NORTH AMERICA

Harvard Professor In Book Proves That The Negroes Sailed Here First. Were Here Before Christopher Columbus Was Born

BOSTON, Mass.—Who discovered North America? This is the question which has been asked and answered by the late Professor Leo Wiener, white, professor of Slavic Languages in Harvard University, and he gives his proof in a new book "Africa and the Discovery of America."

According to Professor Wiener, black men from the Guinea and Congo sailed across the Atlantic Ocean, traded with the Indians, and some of them came to America and settled three hundred years before Christopher Columbus was born.

Here are some of the proofs presented, which have been taken from Harvard University by the ears, the more so because Professor Wiener is an authority on the history of civilization and has an international reputation.

MRS. ALVA V. COOKE YOUNG EDITRESS DIES

Mrs. Alva V. Cooke, editor and publisher of the National Defender and Sun and wife of the founder of the paper, died at her home in St. Louis Saturday evening, April 12, at 6:30 o'clock, following an operation for appendicitis last January.

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Dr. Jas. Webb Curtis Passes Away

Dr. James Webb Curtis died at Hot Springs, Tuesday, April 12, after an illness of three weeks. Dr. Curtis was born in Marion, Alabama, July 29, 1856. He served as Post Master at Marion and as Special Deputy in the Pension Office. He graduated from Howard University Medical College and practiced his profession in Chicago.

Dr. Curtis was Surgeon in the 5th Illinois Regiment and went to Cuba as Surgeon in the 48th Vol. of the line of the Spanish American War. After spending three years in the Philippines, Dr. Curtis resumed the practice of medicine at Hot Springs, Ark. and W. P. Curtis in St. Louis.

N. A. C. P. CONFERENCE AT "Y" SATURDAY NIGHT

Miss Orington, Chairman of National Association of Colored People, to Confer With Members of Local Branch

Miss Mary White Orington, chairman of the National Association of Colored People will be present at a conference with the members of the local branch, Saturday night, April 16 at the Pine Street Y. The conference will be held at the Y. M. C. A. at 7 o'clock. Miss Orington has been touring the country in interest of the spring drive for a quarter of a million members for the association and is coming to St. Louis for the purpose of helping in the drive here.

Election Tuesday Night

The annual election of officers of the local branch will take place Tuesday night, April 19, at the Pine Street Y. M. C. A. at 8 o'clock. All members and friends of the association are invited to attend the election and the meeting on Tuesday night.

DOUBLE FUNERAL FOR HENRY T. GRANT AND WIFE SUNDAY AT 2 P.M.

Mr. Henry Grant, 4237 Finney, 61 years old, died Monday afternoon following a three day illness of pneumonia. His wife, Mrs. Grant, died Sunday morning at her home, followed by his close friend during the illness of his wife since February. Mrs. Grant was probably well recovered from her illness, but died on Wednesday morning.

MASS MEETING AND A VICTORY CELEBRATION

Auspices Of 17th Ward Women's Precinct Organization. Mass Meeting Will Be Held At Metropolitan Ch. Monday Eve., April 18.

A Victory Mass meeting will be held at Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion Church, Garrison and Lucas avenues, Monday evening, April 18th, under the auspices of the Seventeenth Ward Women's Precinct Organization. This will be a kind of get-together, get-acquainted meeting. The women of the city are especially urged to be present. Mayor Kiel will address the meeting.

Among the other speakers will be: Mrs. C. T. Biese, Mrs. W. C. Bridges, Mrs. Grace Semple, Miss Victoria S. May, Mrs. J. T. Timan and others. The program will be interspersed with musical numbers. Mrs. E. Slaughter-Gamble, Committee woman of the Seventeenth Ward will preside.

PULLER GETS APPOINTMENT

Special to The Argus

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12.—Phil H. Puller of Kentucky, formerly assistant director of public works of the Republican National Campaign, has been appointed commissioner of the National Association of Colored People in charge of work among colored labor. The Bureau of Negro Economics, Department of Labor, of which Dr. George E. Haynes was director, has been reorganized, and the new office will have entire charge of consultation and cover the field of labor in a thorough manner. Secretary Davis of the Department of Labor took the stand that as the Department of Labor is an agency having to deal with labor and its problems, it should be within its power to authorize to deal with problems of Negro labor.

PROF. A. E. MALONE WILL ADDRESS THE EX-SERVICE MEN

Prof. A. E. Malone will address the Colored Ex-SERVICE men next Wednesday night at the American Legion, 1215 N. 1st St. Mr. Malone will speak on the possibilities and what is expected of the colored man.

NEGRO FAIR GROUND TRAIL IS SECURED

ATLANTA, Ga., April 12.—Officials of the amusement corporation organized several months ago by Negroes for the purpose of developing an amusement park and fair ground near Clark University for the building of a fair.

SOLEMN PROCESSION PASSES OVER CITY STREETS TO THE CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH. DR. STEVENS DELIVERS THE FUNERAL ORATION. MANY THOUSAND VIEW THE FLAG DRAPED CASKET.

The remains of Private Jake Lindner were held in action during the late war, were interred in Washington Park Cemetery last Sunday, after one of the most impressive ceremonies ever witnessed here.

The funeral procession was formed at Finney and Pendleton Avenues, under the auspices of the American Legion, and the remains were escorted from the home, 823 Cook Avenue, to Central Baptist Church. The cortege consisted of Sumner Band; a firing squad and color bearers with flags; four motor carriages, on either side of the hearse; honor pallbearers consisting of National Army Officers, representatives of the Spanish War Veterans, G. A. R. Navy, Legion Auxiliaries and the Press; followed by relatives in automobiles and more than 120 ex-service men in uniform, under the command of Capt. Walter Lowe and First Serg. Percy Johnson formerly of the 25th Inf.

The members of the Firing Squad, Color Bearers, Guards, Active Pallbearers, and ten of the Honor Pallbearers were formerly of the famous 368th Central Postal Directory which the deceased was also attached.

The officers in line were Captains Wallace Lowe, Emmett Brown, Ben H. Mosby, Cornell and Lt. Elmer G. Laugha. Lt. J. Tugge represented the Spanish War Veterans.

On entering the church, the city streets to the church where it was met by the San Juan Auxiliary and Central Baptist Church members. The demonstration of respect was witnessed by many thousands along the line of march. At Central Baptist Church the mass of humanity extended to the front of the church, a small portion of this vast audience could get within the edifice.

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AGED LADY FOUND WITH THROAT CUT

The body of Mrs. Anna Allen, 65 years old, was discovered by her daughter, Mrs. Kate Mason, 1122 N. Jefferson Avenue, last Tuesday at 7:30 a. m. Mrs. Allen was found lying on a sofa with her throat cut. The room had been ransacked. Mrs. Allen had conducted the home for 13 years.

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Opening of National Colored League, Sunday, May 8--Giants vs. Chicago.

PIONEERS TO PLAY
DOUBLE HEADER SUNDAY

The Pioneers will play a double-header at Giants' park next Sunday. The opposing teams will be the Bell Telephone Co. (white) and the East St. Louis Giants (colored). On Monday, the Pioneers and the East St. Louis Giants will play for a single game. The Pioneers will play the Compton Hill Club at Y. M. C. A. Park, Compton and Chouteau on Sunday, April 24. On May 1, 2 and 3 a series of games will be played with the East St. Louis Giants at 6000 N. Broadway.

Pioneers Beat Robinson's Stars
A 15th temperature almost went to a prohibited point, the Pioneers outclassed the Robinson Stars, at Giants' Park last Sunday. The score was 18 to 6. The Pioneers are looking better every day, and will be an attractive substitute when the League Giants are out of town this season.

EYES TURNED TOWARD
FIRST GAME HERE BY
ST. LOUIS GIANTS

St. Louis National Negro League
Club Will Face the Strong Huron
S. Dakota League Club

Reports indicate keen interest throughout the city in the St. Louis Giants; a rousing welcome is sure to greet the husky bunch that has been rounding to form in Dixieland. Cold weather in the south has kept the Pioneers from getting in tip top condition. The Pioneers play Atlanta, Ga. 15th and 14th. Knoxville, Tenn. 15th and 14th. Chattanooga, Tenn. 17th and 16th. Memphis, Tenn. 19th and 20th and home on the morning of the 21st. Twenty husky players have made the entire route and it is going to be a mighty hard job for manager Mills when it comes to leasing, which according to League rules must happen by May 1st. When asked concerning the Southern trip, Business Manager Mills remarked, "As far as conditioning of the men and winning it has been a great success, but owing to the cold weather it has caused a heavy financial loss, which is part of baseball. However, I am sure baseball will enjoy a season of great prosperity. I find the fans in St. Louis are manifesting greater interest in the local club, in fact more than ever, and it is a pleasure. It makes one feel like stepping the limit. My Club, I cannot say much only what reports I have from the secretary. I will tell you just what I think after the games with Doc. Andrews' Club. Doc, at one time was one of the best third basemen in the big show, and I know the boys will have to step the limit to win from him. I am not a bit uneasy over the outland and infield, but "Doc" I surely need a pitcher or two. Can't get one for love or money. I am going to keep plugging and may be some fortune will smile on me. Here is hoping saymore. I have three pitchers promised me from the Colored Southern League Club, but cannot get them until July. I need some new Carr or Flaxer with speed, quick, the opening game, they look like the best lot. Kimward of course will be the best one."

DOUBLE HEADER SUN., APR. 17
BELL TELEPHONE CO.
PIONEERS VS. E. ST. LOUIS GIANTS
6000 N. BROADWAY

The Wills-Thompson Fight

Jack Thompson, of Denver, went the limit before the hard hitting Hurry Wills, of New Orleans, at the Odessa last Friday night. The bout was for eight rounds and the Denver giant took a terrific beating, but finished smiling.

Wills carried every round by a big margin, and it was the opinion of many of the 2000 present that the New Orleans lad spared his opponent a couple of occasions, when it seemed big Jack was doomed to submerge. The real wonder is how the Denver man stood up under what he did receive, as Harry scored often with terrific punches that seemed to have enough power in them to knock out any human being.

Thompson merely acted as a receiver and did little hitting. Wills did not score a knockdown. He weighed 210 to Thompson's 267 pounds.

Three other bouts made up the card in the semifinals Lawrence Hawkins and Benny Hall traveled eight rounds in spirited fashion. Hawkins' aggressiveness entitled him to the verdict by a small margin. Lawrence won the first, second, seventh and eighth rounds. Hall took the fourth, fifth and sixth, with the third even. The boys are featherweights.

The first bout resulted in a knock-out for Battling Ball over Kid Jackson in the second round. The boys are lightweight.

In the second bout Kid Dusty out-pointed Arthur "Burr" Hardy in an eight-round bout full of hard fighting. They weighed in at 155 pounds.

BIRMINGHAM BASE BALL ASS'N OPENS PARK TO NEGRO CLUB
The Associated Negro Press
The fight that was brought about by white resistance, owners in the neighborhood of Rickwood, Ark., where the Birmingham white baseball club of the Southern League, plays, came to an abrupt end when Procy W. D. Smith of the Birmingham baseball association gave out a statement to the white press informing them that Frank Purdie's famous black barons would play in the park this season. Some weeks ago, white people in the neighborhood of the park sent out petitions for the purpose of expelling the Negro league from playing on the grounds, that they were offensive to the white people in the vicinity of the park. The decision came like a thunderbolt to those who were fighting the Negro and the public is glad to know that sport lovers and the players of the barons are not easily prejudiced.

Atlanta Black Crackers
Shut Out Foster's Giants
By Associated Negro Press
ATLANTA, Ga., April 13.—After losing the previous game of a ten

game series to Rube Foster's American Giants of Chicago, Tuesday, March 22, on the Morris Brown University field, by a score of 3 to 0, the Atlanta Black Crackers came back and woned vengeance upon the Northerners at Ponce de Leon park Wednesday by white-washing them to the tune of 13 to 0. Thus out of four games in two years, the Atlanta Black Crackers bear the distinct honor of having split even with the American Giants. Last season the two clubs divided a double-header; this year the Chicagoans won the first and lost the second to the Atlanta. It was the first time in 20 years last September that a Southern team had defeated the American Giants, Wednesday, March 30th, marks the first time in the history of the National pastime that a Southern team has registered a shutout against the Fosters.

Score By Innings
Amer. Giants. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
B. Crackers. 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1
* Summary: Two base hit—Davis.
* Sacrifice hits—Mather, Lyons, Lewis, Maddox. Struckout—by D. Brown, 8; by Streitz, 4. Hit by pitcher, Cox and Reid. Umpires—Addison and Lee.

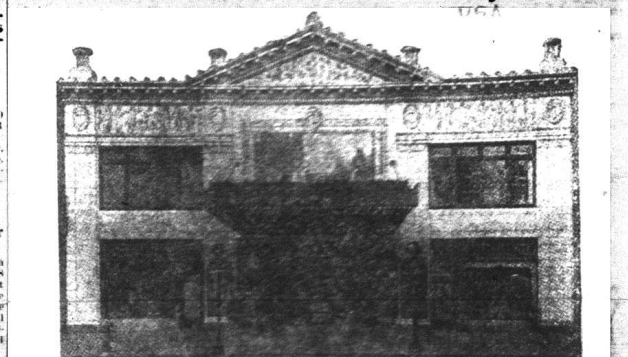
25,568 Colored Children
Born In N. Carolina In Year
Associated Negro Press.
RALEIGH, N. Car., April 6.—North Carolina is now boasting of 25,568 births of Negro children during last year. This number shows an increase of one-fourth of one per cent over the white birth rate. The bureau of vital statistics has congratulated the Negroes of the state on the splendid birth showing.

Battling Ball,
St. Louis Cham-
pion Light
Weight Boxer,
Scores
Knockout In
Battle With
Red Jackson
Coast
Champion

Battling Ball, St. Louis, Light-weight Champion, knocked out Red Jackson in the second round at the Odessa last Friday night. Jackson had previously gained the plaudits of the fans here by giving Champion Joe Cass a hard battle for 8 rounds. The spectators did not expect to see Ball stop the limit with the Coast Champion.

Jackson out-boxed Ball in the first round and looked like a sure winner. Ball changed his tactics in the second and his box did not stop him from

New Theatre To Be Built On Finney Avenue



AUSTIN AMUSEMENT COMPANY WILL INCORPORATE FOR \$100,000.

The Austin Amusement Co. is being incorporated for the purpose of purchasing a site and erecting a large and handsome new theatre building on Finney Avenue. E. F. Austin, who is the head of this company, has been exceedingly successful in this line of work having operated the Pendleton Theatre for more than five years with the capacity far too small to accommodate the crowds for the past three years.



SEVEN MUSICAL SPILLERS AT THE CABARET THEATRE NEXT